

things execute the office of judge of the said elections, according to the best of my knowledge, without favour or partiality; so help me God;’ that every clerk, before he enters any vote on the polls, shall take the following oath, or affirmation, to wit: ‘I, A. B., do swear, or affirm, that I will well and faithfully, without favour, affection or partiality, execute the office of clerk of the election or elections now to be held, according to the best of my knowledge; so help me God;’ and the oath or affirmation of the clerks shall be administered by a judge of the election, and the oath or affirmation of a judge shall be administered by a justice of the peace, or if no justice of the peace be present to administer the same, it shall be administered by a clerk of the said election, after such clerk shall have been qualified as aforesaid; and a certificate of every such oath or affirmation, signed by the person administering the same respectively, shall be annexed to the polls.

Elections to commence at 9 o'clock A. M. and end at 6 o'clock, P. M.—The manner of voting regulated.

SEC. 12. *And be it enacted*, That the elections aforesaid respectively shall commence at nine o'clock in the morning of the respective days of election, and shall continue without adjournment, and be closed at six o'clock in the evening of the same day, and no ballot shall be taken before the said hour of nine o'clock in the morning, nor after the said hour of six o'clock in the evening, and every voter shall deliver to the judge or judges of the election in the district in which he offers to vote, a ballot, on which shall be written, or printed, the name or names of the person or persons voted for, and the purpose for which the vote is given, plainly designated, and the ballot so delivered in, and received by the judge or judges of the election, shall be deposited in the ballot box till the poll be closed; and if any judge of an election, or other person, after any ballot shall be delivered in as aforesaid, and before the poll is closed, shall unfold or open any such ballot, with design to discover the name or names therein contained, every person so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars; and if any voter shall offer any more than one ballot, with a fraudulent design, every such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars for every such offence.

When the poll is closed, judges to open the box publicly, &c.

SEC. 13. *And be it enacted*, That when the poll shall be closed, the box wherein the ballots are deposited shall be immediately thereafter opened by the judge or judges of the election, and the said judge or judges shall publicly, in the presence of such persons as may choose to attend, carefully take out the said ballots, and read distinctly and aloud the name or names written or printed thereon respectively, and the clerks of such election shall carefully enter and keep an account of the same on the books of the polls, so that the number of votes for